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Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Whereas, Polling to the General Election to Goa Village Panchayats-2017 is scheduled to be held on 11-06-2017 for the Village Panchayats in the State of Goa and the Election Model Code of Conduct is already in force;

And whereas, it is essential to conduct the General Election in free and fair manner and to maintain public peace, order and tranquility as per provisions of Law and Model Code of Conduct which has come into effect;

And whereas, it has come to the notice of the undersigned that political disputes, confrontation and violence start on the eve of the poll mainly due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., while carrying out door to door campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and due to gathering any crowd at places within the vicinity of 100 meters of the polling stations, which creates nuisance and law and order problems.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub-section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

Now therefore, I, Nila Mohanan, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District in exercise of the powers vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 hereby order that on the day of the poll viz from 06:00 hrs. to midnight on 11-06-2017, all Hotels, Restaurants, Bars, Tea shops, Pan shops, Eateries and other Food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., within the vicinity of 100 meters of any polling stations in all the Village Panchayats going to poll within North Goa District, shall remain closed to avoid their misuse for campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and I further ban any gathering or crowd comprising of more than 5 persons within 100 metres of any polling stations in order to avoid occurrence of any law and order problem.

Failure to comply with this order shall be liable for penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, on this 9th day of June, 2017.

Nilu Mohanan, IAS,
District Magistrate,
North Goa.

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